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## **RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

### *River Heights/Hospital Neighbourhood*

**Medicine Hat** – The City of Medicine Hat is undertaking its first Area Redevelopment Plan to accommodate growth and changes in the River Heights/Hospital neighbourhood.

The City started the process in April with a survey to residents and stakeholders in the River Heights/Hospital area. The next phase of the Area Redevelopment Plan process involves two upcoming workshops with residents and stakeholders.

"The River Heights / Hospital neighbourhood is receiving various pressures for commercial and residential development," says Werner Fischer, City Planning Officer. "An Area Redevelopment Plan can help sort out what types of developments are going to be the best fit for this neighbourhood."

An Area Redevelopment Plan guides a neighbourhood's future land use and redevelopment. Public consultation is a part of the planning process to identify the interests and priorities within a neighbourhood.

"We want residents and other stakeholders to participate in this process because we need their input into what they want this neighbourhood to look like in the year's ahead," adds Fischer.

The City, through the consulting services of EBA Engineering Consultants, is holding an Issues Workshop on **Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Esplanade Studio Theatre. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The Issues Workshop is an opportunity for residents to share and discuss their ideas that could become future development policies for the neighbourhood.

Participants are encouraged to bring photographs that depict elements of the neighbourhood they would like to protect or see change.

Participants are then invited to a Design Workshop on **Thursday, June 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** at the Esplanade Studio Theatre to work with planners and designers to create solutions to achieve the long-term objectives for the neighbourhood. Registration is at 5:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is recommended for both workshops as there are limited spaces available. To pre-register call EBA Engineering Consultants at 1-877-777-4166 ext. 831 or e-mail [tschmidt@eba.ca](mailto:tschmidt@eba.ca) or [ywang@eba.ca](mailto:ywang@eba.ca)

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